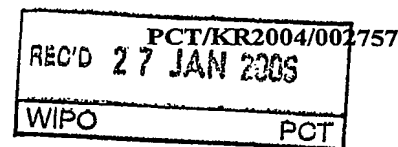


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2.	This REPORT consists of a total of <u>4</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☒ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☒ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
pages 1-51 as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
pages 53 as originally filed/furnished
pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
pages* 52,54-56 received by this Authority on 31/08/2005
pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the drawings:
pages 1/27-27/27 as originally filed/furnished
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- ☐ the sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☒ the claims, Nos. 16-19
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

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Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non obvious), or to be industrially applicable have not been examined in respect of:

☐ the entire international application,

☒ claims Nos. 7,14

because:

☒ the said international application, or the said claims Nos. 7,14

relate to the following subject matter which does not require an international preliminary examination (*specify*):

Claims 7, 14 relate to a method of treatment of the human or animal body and according to Art.34(4)(a)(i) and Rule 67.1(iv) PCT, the IPEA is not required to carry out an international preliminary examination on this claims.

☐ the description, claims or drawings (*indicate particular elements below*) or said claims Nos. _____ are so unclear that no meaningful opinion could be formed (*specify*):

☐ the claims, or said claims Nos. _____ are so inadequately supported by the description that no meaningful opinion could be formed.

☐ no international search report has been established for said claims Nos. _____

☐ the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing does not comply with the standard provided for in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions in that:

the written form

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has not been furnished

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does not comply with the standard

the computer readable form

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does not comply with the standard

☐ the tables related to the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, if in computer readable form only, do not comply with the technical requirements provided for in Annex C-bis of the Administrative Instructions.

☐ See Supplemental Box for further details.

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-6, 8-13, 15-19	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-6, 8-13, 15-19	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6, 8-13, 15-19	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The present invention relates to extracellular superoxide dismutase (EC-SOD) fusion proteins and compositions comprising such fusion proteins. The fusion proteins can be used in a variety of applications, including the design of anti-aging cosmetics or the treatment of skin diseases.

The following documents have been considered for the purpose of this report:

D1: Park, J.S., et al., Mol. Cells, 13(2): 202-208 (Nov. 09, 2001)

D2: US 5366729 (Nov. 22, 1994)

1. Novelty

D1 describes the enhanced penetration efficiency of Cu,Zn-superoxide dismutase (Cu,Zn-SOD) fused with a gene fragment that encodes the 9 amino acids Tat protein transduction domain (RKRRQRRR) of HIV-1 and lysine rich peptide (KKKKKKKKK) in a bacterial expression vector in order to produce a genetic in-frame Tat-SOD and 9Lys-SOD fusion protein. D2 relates to EC-SOD variants and the use thereof for the purpose of therapeutic treatment. The extracellular superoxide dismutase (EC-SOD) and the extracellular superoxide dismutase (EC-SOD) fused with a gene fragment that encodes the Tat protein transduction domain of HIV-1 and lysine rich peptide are not disclosed in any of the prior art. Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-19 is considered to be novel under PCT Article 33(2).

2. Inventive Step

The present invention provides a extracellular superoxide dismutase (EC-SOD), fusion proteins thereof, and compositions comprising such fusion proteins. D1 and D2 disclose the Cu,Zn-SOD and fusion proteins thereof as well as the use for therapeutic treatment of Cu,Zn-SOD and EC SOD variants. However, the present invention shows a difference in the type of SOD as compared with D1 and D2. The objects of D1 and D2 are different from that of the present invention in that D1 and D2 are to provide a different SOD type. The prior arts do not teach or suggest the expression of EC-SOD mRNA in dermal layer to protect the dermal connective tissue from reative oxygen species. The special effect that comes with the construction of the present invention is recognized to be unforeseen from prior arts. Therefore, the subject-matter of claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-19 is considered to involve an inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

3. Industrial Applicability

The subject-matter of claims 1-6, 8-13, 15-19 is considered to be industrially applicable under PCT Article 33(4).